



**To: All members of Shaftesbury Town Council**

You are hereby summoned to attend an **Extraordinary Meeting** of **Shaftesbury Town Council** to be held at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015** in the **Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall** for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

**Stephen Holley**

**Town Clerk**

Members are reminded of their duty under the Code of Conduct

Members of the public and Councillors are entitled to make audio or visual recordings of the meeting provided it does not cause disruption or impede the transaction of business. Out of courtesy to those present, the Council requests that intention to record proceedings is brought to the Chairman's attention prior to the start of the meeting.

Agenda Item	
<b>01. Apologies</b>	
To receive and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence	
<b>02. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</b>	
Members and Officers are reminded of their obligations to declare interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct 2012. The Clerk will report any dispensation requests received.	
<b>03. Joint Project with the Youth Club and Silver Band</b>	<b>p2</b>
To consider initiating a project to work with the Youth Club and the Shaftesbury Silver Band in a joint project to develop the existing Youth Club building on Coppice Street to include Community Hall facility. Report 0915EFC03 attached.	

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**Report to an Extraordinary Meeting of  
Shaftesbury Town Council  
to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
in the Council Chamber, High Street Shaftesbury**

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**JOINT PROJECT WITH THE YOUTH CLUB AND SILVER BAND**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To consider initiating a project to work with the Youth Club and the Shaftesbury Silver Band in a joint project to develop the existing Youth Club building on Coppice Street to include Community Hall facility.

**2. Recommendation**

2.1 That the Council resolves to assist the Youth Club and Silver Band Scheme by:

- (a) acting as the lead partner in applications, in order to facilitate the drawing down of S.106 monies and other sources of funding;
- (b) accepting the design proposals promoted by the Youth Club and Silver Band, without amendment by the Council;
- (c) accepting that the Youth Club and the Silver Band will be the 'customers' for this project, and their wishes will be paramount;
- (d) paying the planning application fees necessary to put the preferred design to North Dorset District Council, to a maximum of £2,695, allocated from the Professional Fees budgetline

2.2 That £2,695 be vired to the Professional Fees budgetline from the sum remaining in the Swimming Pool (Revenue) budgetline.

**3. Background**

3.1 The Youth Club and the Silver Band gave a presentation, open to all members of the Council, at an informal meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

3.2 It was explained at the informal meeting that the Silver Band Hall in Barton Hill Recreation Ground was in dire need of replacement and no longer met the Band's needs. The Band had approached the Youth Club with a view to co-operating on the redevelopment/extension of its premises in Coppice Street so as to accommodate the Silver Band. This had led to the drafting of a plan, which was presented to the informal meeting.

3.3 The Town Council had been approached to give its support as the owner of the land on which the current Youth Club is located, and because of strategic role in drawing down Section 106 monies from the District Council. The Youth Club and the Silver Band felt that the Council could act as the lead partner in project.

3.4 The principle of the proposal from the Youth Club and the Silver Band was supported by all Councillors present, acknowledging that the informal meeting could only be used for consultation, rather than decision.

3.5 Members of the Council noted at the informal meeting that North Dorset District Council was holding Section 106 'planning gain' monies to fund a new

community hall in Shaftesbury. Also, responses to a question in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire had not given a clear indication as to where in the town the new hall should go.

- 3.6 During the informal meeting it was suggested that the initial plan could be developed so as to provide a degree of 'future proofing' by incorporating additional capacity and other potential improvements. These ideas have been explored since the date of the informal meeting and the Youth Club and Silver Band have now decided that they would go beyond the scope of their intentions – and they also believe they would increase the likely cost of the project so as to be unaffordable.
- 3.7 However, the Youth Club and Silver Band would like to explore the potential to develop their original plan so as to include community-use rooms. It is their hope that this inclusion should make the project eligible for Section 106 monies held for the development of a new community hall.
- 3.8 The Council is now being requested to consider formally initiating a joint project with the Youth Club and the Silver Band to bring this project to fruition.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 At present, the Council is being requested only to provide the funds for the planning application fees to allow this project to be initiated. These fees are £385 per m<sup>2</sup> therefore the cost to the Project would be £5,390. The Town Council is eligible for a 50% discount therefore if it were to put the application in it would cost £2,695.
- 4.2 This project was initiated outside the Council, so the Council has not made a budget allowance for it. Nor is there an existing budgetline specifically for the project, into which it might vire funds. The Clerk suggests that the application fees be met from the 'Professional Fees' budgetline (currently £734 remaining available) and that £2,695 be vired from the unspent monies remaining in the Swimming Pool (Revenue) budgetline.
- 4.3 As the project develops, and costs become known, the Council may be requested to (a) assist in drawing down Section 106 monies from the District Council and (b) consider proving match funding, either from the Budget and Precept or from the Public Work Loans Board, or a combination of both. Because the project is yet to be fully costed at this stage the Council should avoid giving total commitment until further details can be provided.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 19 - Power to provide buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives
- 5.2 Local Government Act 1972, section 133 - Power to provide and equip community buildings, village halls, offices and for public meetings and assemblies

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Stephen Holley  
Town Clerk